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GRAND JURY RETURNS INDICTMENTS

TOPEKA, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that five individuals were indicted on May 19, 2004, by a federal grand jury in Topeka, Kansas. Those indicted include:

• Clement Karlin, 51, Hays, Kansas, is charged with one count of possession of child pornography that had been received by computer on September 12, 2001, in Ellis County, Kansas; and one count of forfeiture of the computer used to commit this offense.

If convicted, Karlin faces a maximum of five years in federal prison without parole. The case was investigated by the FBI and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Tanya Treadway.

• **Ion Mindreci**, 42, Olathe, Kansas, currently in custody, is charged with one count of being a fugitive from justice from the District Court of Olmstead County, Minnesota, in possession of seven firearms including handguns, rifles, and a shotgun.

If convicted, Mindreci faces a maximum of ten years in federal prison without parole. Mindreci was previously charged on May 13, 2004, by criminal complaint with one count of being a fugitive from justice in possession of firearms. Mindreci made his initial appearance on May 14, 2004, on the criminal complaint and is currently detained. The case was investigated by the FBI and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Terra Morehead.

• **Phillip M. McGregor,** 42, Wichita, Kansas, currently in custody, is charged with one count of possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime; attempting to manufacture methamphetamine; and being a felon in possession of a firearm, all on May 13, 2004, in Sedgwick County, Kansas.

If convicted, McGregor faces a minimum of five years for possessing a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime; a maximum of twenty years for attempting to manufacture methamphetamine; and a maximum of ten years for being a felon in possession of a firearm. The case was investigated by the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Department and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Matt Treaster.

• **Juan A. Aldava-Nevarez,** 35, and **Angel E. Hernandez-Martinez**, 43, both from Wichita, Kansas, both currently in custody, are each charged with one count of possession with the intent to distribute more than 100 kilograms (more than 220 pounds) of marijuana on May 17, 2004, in Wichita, Kansas.

If convicted, each face a minimum of five years and a maximum of forty years in federal prison without parole. The case was investigated by the Wichita Police Department.

As in any criminal case, a person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. The Indictments filed merely contain allegations of criminal conduct.